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SUBJ: CIVAIR AVAILABILITY OF FUEL IN ECUADOR FOR BRANIFF

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1. ON JAN. 17 E/C COUNSELOR RELAYED GIST OF REFTEL TO GOE
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, COL. CARLOS GUDINO.
GUDINO REPLIED THAT THERE IS NO PROHIBITION ON SALE OF FUEL
TO BRANIFF IN ECUADOR, BUT THAT THE SHORTAGE OF AVIATION
FUELS HERE HAS FOR SOME LONG TIME COMPELLED THE GOE TO MAIN-
TAIN A RATIONING SYSTEM UNDER WHICH DOMESTIC CARRIERS HAVE
PRIORITY, LEAVING LITTLE OR NONE AVAILABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL
CARRIERS.

2. GUDINO SAID THAT, WITH THE ACQUISITION OF FEW WEEKS AGO
BY THE GOE OF THE NEW REFINERY AT ESMERALDAS, HE EXPECTS THE
INTERNAL SUPPLY OF AVIATION FUEL TO BECOME ADEQUATE WITHIN
THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO PERMIT TERMINATION OF THE RATIONING
SYSTEM AND SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES FOR ALL CARRIERS, DOMESTIC
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AND INTERNATIONAL.

3. GUDINO STRESSED THAT THE RATIONING SYSTEM IS BEING
APPLIED EQUITABLY AS REGARDS INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS, WITHOUT
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BRANIFF AS COMPARED WITH OTHER
INTERNATIONALS.

4. GUDINO'S COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RELAYED TO LOCAL MANAGER OF BRANIFF, WHO COMMENTED THAT HIS OWN INQUIRIES INTO THE FUEL SITUATION CONFIRM GUDINO'S STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, THE LOCAL MANAGER POINTED OUT THAT EVEN AFTER THE ESMERALDAS REFINERY COMES ON-STREAM, THERE WILL BE SOME LONG DELAY--PROBABLY WELL OVER ONE YEAR--IN CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE TO CARRY AVIATION FUEL FROM THE REFINERY TO QUITO; IN THE INTERIM, AVIATION FUEL WILL HAVE TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM THE REFINERY TO QUITO BY TRUCK, WHICH WILL ADD TO THE COST OF IT, AND WILL MAKE THE SUPPLY SYSTEM LESS THAN COMPLETELY RELIABLE BECAUSE OF THE POOR CONDITION OF THE ESMERALDAS-QUITO ROADS AND THE POOR CONDITION OF SOME OF THE TRUCKS. NONETHELESS, HE SAID, HE BELIEVES THAT THE AVIATION FUEL SUPPLY PROBLEM WILL ESSENTIALLY BE SOLVED ONCE THE NEW REFINERY COMES ON-STREAM, PRESUMABLY WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

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